## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention comprises a branching pipe joint, for distributing a refrigerant that flows within a main pipe to two flows, and an air conditioner provided therewith, and achieves both the compaction of the vicinity of the branch part and the prevention of drift therein. A branching pipe joint (181) comprises a substantially Y-pipe shaped branch part (182), a first branch nozzle part (183), a second branch nozzle part (184), and a first branch pipe (186). The first branch pipe (186) is a pipe member, wherein one end part is connected to a tip part of the first branch nozzle part (183) during plumbing work. The first branch nozzle part (183) and the second branch nozzle part (184) are disposed so that a spacing between a portion of the tip part of the first branch nozzle part (183) nearest the second branch nozzle part (184) side and a portion of the second branch nozzle part nearest the tip part of the first branch nozzle part is less than or equal to 40 mm.

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